PASTOR’S UPDATE

Another very nice Monday morning! I do enjoy those mornings out here with the grass green and birds singing. It has been a good summer thus far. My girls did a little get away last week in the hills and they said it is very green there too. They were out there when Hill City got all the hail...missed them. We don’t need that white/hard stuff that’s for sure. I know the days are quickly passing by as summer continues to move along. There are lots of things coming up in the next few weeks around here. Some of the best things are yet to happen. I love the planning and working on what we can do to make a difference for our people. Get out and enjoy the summer!

I have caught a summer cold. Don’t you just hate those things? I could tell it was coming on at the end of last week and by the time the weekend came around it had jumped on pretty hard. I didn’t get to the movie because after playing in Brandon I just went home to rest up for Sunday and then after church I just crashed again. It is so amazing to me how not feeling good influences everything we do. I say that to remind us all of the people that we know who are going through hard things and doing it every day. It takes so much out of them and those around them. It affects every aspect of their lives to the point that their struggle can become a “new normal” for them. Pray for each other Community. Be sensitive the journey of others. Be the heart of Jesus when you are with each other...it can be the greatest gift you can offer to each other.

Our new senior high youth pastor started this morning...his first day! Doyle Burnside is now a part of our staff. We will be introducing him to all of you this coming Sunday and we are going to set up a table for him in the lobby for you to stop and say hi to Doyle and his wife, Abbie.

It will take some time for him to get acquainted and get settled in, but we are confident he is going to do an amazing job with us. He has lots of experience with young people and churches. We wish him the best and I hope all of you will work to get to know him and make a part of this church family. Pray that God will use him to change the lives of our youth...he brings lots of heart to this job. God can work with that!

Our friend William leaves for Liberia tomorrow. (Tuesday) We are going to miss him around the church. William and I met every week to talk about theology and preaching. I will miss those times with him. I know God has great things in store for him. William’s faith has taken him on an amazing journey as many of you heard on Sunday. There is more yet to come! I also want to say that if you want to be a part of giving a “love gift” for William and his family as they began this new day in their lives, you can do that. Make the check out to the church and then put a notation at the bottom that it is for William’s gift. We will get that to him.

Sunday’s name is Jehovah. I mentioned on Sunday that we hadn’t done this name in it’s fullness, but this week we are going there. There is much more to this name that we need to cover. It is found lots of times in the Bible and is probably more known to each of you than the others. I think we are going to find it to be a powerful description of God’s ways and His heart.

We will talk more on Sunday, have a great week!

NURSERY SCHEDULE
July 29: 9:00am—
Mike & Angie Boyenga
Nathan & Amber Van Roekel
11:00am—
Grace Maciejewski
Heidi Blom

Aug 5 9:00am—
Andy & Tessa Benson
Tom & Amy Bosch
11:00am—
Spencer & Rachel Larson
Sage Larson

THE LINK SCHEDULE
July 29: 9:00am—
Daryl & Char DuBois
11:00am—
Ross & Jolene Larson

COFFEE SCHEDULE
July 29: Joel & Lisa Blankers
Aug 5: Irwin & Helen Van Leeuwen
Aug 12: Daryl & Char DuBois

GREETER SCHEDULE
July 29
9:00am—
Ron & Juanita Palsma
Denny & Sue Brunsting
Jean Nollmann
11:00am—
Jean Nollmann
Ken & Deb Meyer

Aug 5 9:00am—
Donna Humme
Tom & Amy Bosch
Wade & Diane Friese
11:00am—
Donna Humme
Duane & Rhonda Niewenhuis
Greetings from my newly rearranged office at church! I’m excited to be officially working in my new ministry position here at Community. There are several things I’d like to get up and running before the fall schedule is in full swing, so I’m going to begin by giving you a brief introduction into some of my plans.

Let’s talk about adult discipleship first. This is such a broad topic, and it can be interpreted in several different ways. I’ve spent a lot of time visiting with Pastor Clyde, the church staff, and the Consistory members about the areas of discipleship where we think we need to focus. Of course, one of the big areas is to help new people feel like Community is a place where they can quickly connect with others. As Community has grown, it’s becoming increasingly challenging to help people find their place at Community.

One of the ways I want to help others connect at Community is to create a literal space on Sunday mornings where people can come to visit with each other and with me about who they are, what they are passionate about, and what they are seeking in terms of their relationships with Christ.

My plan is to recreate what happens in the lobby of the church every Sunday morning, but on a smaller scale so as not to overwhelm any newcomers. Hence, my idea of “The Corner” came into being. The Corner will be a designated space in one of the large storage rooms in the sanctuary. I’m currently in the process of working with a few of our handy people at church to lay carpet, place tables, and generally get the space ready to host people during the 10:00 hour for coffee, snacks, and good conversation. I hope to have it ready in just a couple of weeks, and I’ll definitely announce it from the front! I’ll keep you posted on the progress of The Corner!

Of course, discipleship also consists of education, and I have many ideas for adult educational opportunities at Community. I’ll share more about those in next week’s newsletter!

From a worship perspective, this may be one of the biggest changes Community has experienced in quite some time. Of course, Clyde and I have always done our best to provide worship experiences that bring people into the Presence of God, and the music will basically stay the same. But having a designated Worship Leader will hopefully be a powerful and positive change to Sunday morning!

I want us to begin to pay a new and special attention to how we enter into worship. What are we expecting to encounter from God? What are we dragging along with us to worship that, frankly, needs to be left at the door? How can we turn from the world, which is terribly easy to see and hear, to focus on our Savior, Who will never force His Presence on us? These are the things I hope to work through as we find our stride in worship.

I only ask that you give it some time before you form an opinion. It always takes awhile to get used to new things, and this will be no exception. Just know I’ve been prayerful and careful, and I’m asking God to bless our worship time in new and fresh ways!

“DISCIPLESHIP IS THE PROCESS OF BECOMING WHO JESUS WOULD BE IF HE WERE YOU.”
- Dallas Willard
Hello everyone. I’m Doyle Burnside and my wife Abby and I are so excited to be starting here at Community! As I get going here I am looking forward to meeting many of you and working alongside the senior high youth ministry. Ever since I was a junior in high school I have been telling people I was going to be working in youth ministry. After the past 8 years doing just that, God continues to place that passion and calling in my life.

Outside of my time here: I am going through the Kairos program through the Sioux Falls Seminary; working on my Master of Divinity. My wife and I had our first son in September and Oliver keeps us both busy! He is now semi mobile as he has figured out how to crawl. A few other things I enjoy; golfing, bowling, music, board games, sports, and spending time with family and friends.

For now, that is enough about me. Senior high students, mark your calendars. On August 26th we will be having a night of games, fire, and S’mores as a way to introduce myself and get to know you before we start Wednesday nights in September. We will start at 6:30 Sunday night and go until 9:30. A post card will be sent out in the coming days with some more details as well! No need to RSVP, simply come and go as you are able!

Finally, senior high youth group will start up on September 5th. Liz has told me people have been willing to cook a meal for the group in the month of September. If you are willing to make a meal for the group, please contact me!

That is all I have on my second day here. Again, looking forward to partnering with you here at Community!

Doyle Burnside
Doyle.Burnside@communityrc.org
Hi Everyone!
Wow! It was a whirlwind week at Community! I sure had fun and I hope some of you did as well. Service Learning Camp was just incredible. The kids dug into the Bible and dug into some hard work! They build bird feeders to give to elderly care facilities. You should have seen them hammering away! It was incredible! They sewed cat toys for the Sioux Falls Humane Society. They worked on some kits to put into Operation Christmas Child boxes. They wrote notes for “Lunch is Served.” They used their artistic skills to bless some folks that might be feeling a little lonely. Oh, and to top it off, they managed to make time for extreme amounts of giggling and fun. Thanks to Harlan V and Denny B for cutting the wood for our bird feeders. It worked perfectly. Thank you to Michelle W, Emma M, Mickila D for volunteering during camp.

Speaking of volunteers, we need some! VBS is August 5-8, 6-8pm. https://vbspro.events/p/community We especially need help with the 3 year old and Prek classes but have some other needs as well. Could you lead a small group of 5-8 preschool age kids between stations? Could you lead the preschool games? Could you do the Bible story time? Check it out online or in the lobby.

If you can help, talk with Heather at 336-1475, email Heather.DeWit@CommunityRC.org
See you soon!
Heather DeWit

Enjoy some photos of kids making a difference at Service Learning Camp and some photos of the Indoor Drive In Movie:
PRAYER REQUESTS

- Connie Evenson, daughter of Rika VanDenTop (brain cancer)
- Pete Valentine
- NATALIE Baker (seizure disorder)
- Clayton Bierwagen (heart)
- Jodie Jensen (cancer)
- Chelle McMurrey’s dad (multiple myeloma)
- Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
- Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
- Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
- Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
- William VamBram’s wife, Cynthia (heart)
- Gloria Wierda, Laura Maloney’s mom (stage 4 breast cancer)
- Dree Mayer (infection)
- Sara Van Ruler’s dad (throat cancer)
- Phyllis DeHaai (lymphoma)
- Dean Kruen (cancer)
- Joe Johnson (cancer)
- Lori Hein’s mom, Joan (heart)
- Mike Maloney (Keith Maloney’s dad) open heart surgery 7.12
- Donna Spiller (breast cancer-surgery 7.17)
- Larry Long (heart testing)
- Brett Blankespoor’s mom– cancer
- Brown Family (adoption)
- Mona Schrader (surgery 8.2)
- Payten Van Roekel (tests at Mayo)

PRAYER GROUP MEETS AT 7:00AM ON SATURDAYS IN THE CHAPEL. EVERYONE WELCOME!

MISSIONS

THE GIVE
Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries. We’ll highlight 4 each month.

Mission Haiti— new & gently used backpacks & shoes
Community’s children— Bird seed
LSS OF SD— sand toys, matchbox cars, blocks
SD Simon Says Give- Kid’s toothbrushes, new board games, new outdoor game

MISSION OF THE MONTH:
Hope Haven International

WOMEN’S MINISTRY

JOY EVENTS
Joy Bible Study—9:30am on Monday, Aug 6th in the fellowship hall. The word study for August is Righteousness.

WOMEN’S LUNCHEON
All women of the church are invited to an event on Monday, August 20. Join us at Noon for a light salad luncheon followed by an educational and inspirational talk by Lonnie Fynskov from Rochester, Minnesota

FAITH CIRCLE
Monday, Aug 20— Noon Luncheon in fellowship hall.

Finances at a Glance:
Sunday, July 22

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General YTD: $416,440
Vision YTD: $107,751
Vision Account Balance: $85,601
LOOKING FORWARD

VBS
AUG 5-8 | 6-8PM
https://vbspro.events/p/events/community
Children entering grades 1 to 6: 6-8pm
Children ages 3- going into Kindergarten: 6-7:30pm

SING N SPROUT
AUG 5-8 | 6:30-7:30PM
NURSERY
For Kids Under age 3.
Sing & play instruments with your little one while they learn about God’s love.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
AUG 19 | 10:10AM
WORSHIP CENTER
Congregational meeting to amend the 2018 budget to accommodate for increased staffing

BAPTISM CELEBRATION
AUG 19 | 3PM
WORSHIP CENTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, July 25
7:15pm—Summer Bible Study

Thursday, July 26
9:30-11:30am—Arts & Craft Camp
6:30 & 7:30pm—Softball (D League—Field E)
8:30 & 9:30pm—Softball (C League—Field I)

Friday, July 27
9:30-11:30am—Arts & Craft Camp

Saturday, July 28
7:00 am—Prayer ministry (Chapel)

Sunday, July 29
10:10am—Adult Sunday School (chapel)

Wednesday, Aug 1
5:15am—Crack of Dawn Connection
7:15pm—Summer Bible Study

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

KIDS’ CAMPS
Arts & Craft Camp:
July 26-27, 9:30-11:30am; K-5th grade

COMMUNITY BOOK CLUBS
Morning book club Wed. Aug 8 at 9 am @ Bagel Boy on MN Ave. Discussion on: Man Called Ove by Backman.

Evening book club Tues. Aug 21, at 7 pm @ Eastside Panera on Foss Ave. Discussion on: Talk Before Sleep by Berg.

New participants welcome. Book Club Contact Trudi Nelson 371-3512

SENIOR CITIZENS
Meet at the E. Pizza Ranch on Aug 13 @ Noon.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING
Every Tues at 7pm at Community. Use east door.
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**August 2018**

- **Week 1 (August 5-11):**
  - **Monday (5th):** Crack of Dawn 5:15am – Bible Study 7:15pm
  - **Tuesday (6th):** Softball (C League) 6:30 & 7:30pm, Softball (D League) 8:30 & 9:30pm
  - **Wednesday (7th):** Prayer Ministry 7am
  - **Thursday (8th):** VBS 6-8pm
  - **Friday (9th):** Bible Study 7:15pm
  - **Saturday (10th):** Block Party Noon-2pm

- **Week 2 (August 12-18):**
  - **Monday (12th):** VBS 6-8pm
  - **Tuesday (13th):** Bible Study 7:15pm
  - **Wednesday (14th):** Communion 7am
  - **Thursday (15th):** Congregational meeting 10:10am, Baptism 3pm
  - **Friday (16th):** Women’s Luncheon Noon
  - **Saturday (17th):** Bible Study 7:15pm

- **Week 3 (August 19-25):**
  - **Monday (19th):** Prayer Ministry 7am
  - **Tuesday (20th):** Noon - Prayer Ministry 7am
  - **Wednesday (21st):** Prayer Ministry 7am
  - **Thursday (22nd):** Bible Study 7:15pm
  - **Friday (23rd):** No activity
  - **Saturday (24th):** Bible Study 7:15pm

- **Week 4 (August 26-31):**
  - **Monday (26th):** Prayer Ministry 7am
  - **Tuesday (27th):** VBS 6-8pm
  - **Wednesday (28th):** Bible Study 7:15pm
  - **Thursday (29th):** No activity
  - **Friday (30th):** Bible Study 7:15pm
  - **Saturday (31st):** No activity
INFO YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW...

PARKING LOT INFO

The week of Aug 13th the church parking lot will have all cracks sealed, paved areas will have 2 coats of sealer applied & re-striped.

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NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?

Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased on a Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our vision fund at church.

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REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...

If you would like to request membership or baptism, please e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org to set up a time to meet with the Elders (2nd or 4th Sundays of the month @ 10:10am).

For baptism, one of the parents needs to be a member at Community. Next Baptism Service: Sunday, August 19 @ 3pm.